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Via Electronic Mail: 73668-88580322@requests.muckrock.com

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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. BOEM-2019-00135

Dear Ms. Best:

This letter is in reference to your FOIA request dated May 21, 2019 and received by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Headquarters FOIA Office (HQ) on the same date. Your request is assigned number BOEM-2019-00135. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence with our office regarding this request.

Description of the Requested Records

You requested:

[A]ny and all documents in the agency's possession that pertain to the WikiLeaks website or organization from January 2006 to the present date, including but not limited to emails, memos, notes, briefings, reports and other documents.

The Bureau's Response to Your Request

We are writing to respond to your request. After a thorough search of our records, we are unable to locate records responsive to your request. I, Natasha Alcantara, BOEM FOIA Officer, am responsible for this denial.

Fee Category & Charge

We classified you as a representative of the news media. The Bureau charges requesters in this category duplication costs exceeding 100 pages (or an equivalent volume) and does not charge for search or review costs. *See* 43 C.F.R. § 2.37(g). Because you incurred no billable costs for this request, there is no processing charge to you.

Appeal Rights and Mediation Services

You may appeal this response to the Department's FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you choose to appeal, the FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Officer must receive your FOIA appeal **no later than 90 workdays** from the date of this letter. Please note that appeals arriving or delivered after 5 pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, will be deemed received on the next workday.

Your appeal must be made in writing. You may submit your appeal and accompanying materials to the FOIA/PA Appeals Officer by mail, courier service, fax, or email. All communications concerning your appeal should be clearly marked with the words: "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL." You must include an explanation of why you believe BOEM's response is in error. You must also include with your appeal copies of all correspondence between you and BOEM concerning your FOIA request, including your original FOIA request and BOEM's response. Failure to include with your appeal all correspondence between you and BOEM will result in the Department's rejection of your appeal, unless the FOIA/PA Appeals Officer determines (in her sole discretion) that good cause exists to accept the defective appeal.

Please include your name and daytime telephone number (or the name and telephone number of an appropriate contact), email address and fax number (if available) in case the FOIA/PA Appeals Officer needs additional information or clarification of your appeal. You may contact the Department's FOIA/PA Appeals Office at:

Department of the Interior
Office of the Solicitor
1849 C Street, NW
MS-6556 MIB
Washington, DC 20240

Attn: FOIA/Privacy Act Appeals Office

Telephone: (202) 208-5339
Fax: (202) 208-6677
Email: FOIA.Appeals@sol.doi.gov

Also, the 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Email: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>
Telephone: (202) 741-5770
Fax: (202) 741-5769
Toll-free: (877) 684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA/PA Appeals Officer. You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison, the undersigned, at (703) 787-1818.

Conclusion

If you have any questions concerning your request, you may contact us by email at boemfoia@boem.gov; by fax at (703) 787-1209; by phone at (703) 787-1818; or by postal mail at: FOIA Office; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Mail Stop: VAM-BOEM DIR; 45600 Woodland Road; Sterling, VA 20166.

Sincerely,



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Natasha Alcantara
Freedom of Information Act Officer/Public Liaison
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